APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to short notice question No. 1 asked by Sri P. G. Karuthiruman at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 5th September 1958, page 218 supra.]

Statement of events relating to the strike in " The Hindu ", Madras.

On the 29th of July 1958, the Management of " The Hindu " office dismissed one Sri Balasundaram, lino-operator, who is also the Vice-President of the Hindu Office and National Press Employees' Union. The case of the management was that Sri Balasundaram refused to obey orders relating to change of shift. The case of the workers was that the change of shift was illegal being contrary to the Industrial Disputes Act and that the dismissal was an act of victimisation for trade union activities.

About 460 workers of " The Hindu " struck work at 9 p.m. on the 30th July as a protest against this dismissal, which they alleged was a case of victimisation for trade union activities.

30th July 1958.—On the night of July 30th, the strikers assembled in groups in front of " The Hindu " Office with the object of preventing the loyal workers from going in for work. Information about this was given to the police at about 9-30 p.m. and a party of police rushed to the scene. At about 11-15 p.m. the strikers obstructed a van belonging to " The Hindu " Office bringing in loyal workers, beat up the driver, caused minor damage to the vehicle and indulged in stone-throwing. They also threw brickbats and stones on the police party on duty causing injuries to the policemen. As the strikers behaved in an unruly manner, a lathi charge was ordered and eight persons were rounded up. A case under sections 147, 332 and 323, Indian Penal Code was registered by the Police. Three policemen sustained simple injuries as a result of the stone-throwing and six strikers sustained simple injuries as a result of the lathi charge. They were treated in the General Hospital.

31st July 1958.—On the afternoon of 31st July, the strikers picketed in front of " The Hindu " Office in a peaceful manner. A police party was present at the spot to prevent untoward incidents. No incidents were reported.

1st August 1958.—At the request of the management, sufficient bundobust was provided, throughout the period of the strike, for the distribution of papers at Vani Mahal and Luz Corner, the two main distributing centres. In addition, bandobust was also provided at the Distributing Agent's house at Mylapore. Peaceful picketing continued. Slogans were shouted, but no employee was prevented from going to work nor was any one threatened. No cases of assault were reported in the night. The despatch of

parcels from the office was carried on as usual. The members of the Simpson Group Company Employees' Union also joined the strikers shouting slogans.

2nd August 1958.—Peaceful picketing continued. The usual police bandobust was provided. A complaint was made by Sri Gurunathan, Sport Editor of "The Hindu" that he was assaulted in a lane adjoining "The Hindu" office. He could not identify any of his assailants, though he stated that they were employees of the "Hindu" on strike. A case under sections 341 and 323, Indian Penal Code has been registered and is under investigation. No other complaints were lodged with the police.

3rd August 1958.—Peaceful picketing continued. The strikers were joined by the workers of Simpson & Co., The Mail, Express Newspapers and Oldhams Battery, and members belonging to the T.N.C.C. Labour Union. Adequate police precautions were taken. Attempts by strikers to prevent vehicles entering or leaving the office were prevented by the police. The Managing Editor, Sri K. Srinivasan asked for police escort to leave the office. The escort was provided by the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Central Range, who was present at the spot. No incidents were reported.

4th August 1958.—There was an increase in the number of demonstrators who were joined by workers from the Simpson Group Companies, as it was a holiday for them. Adequate police precautions were taken.

Vehicles entering and leaving office were given necessary facilities. Attempts to mob two cars carrying the Editor and Manager were averted by the prompt intervention of the police.

Sri Parthasarathy, Assistant Editor, preferred a complaint at 3-30 p.m. at Triplicane Police Station that he was prevented by the crowd from entering the "Hindu" office at about 1-25 p.m. It is not clear why he did not seek the help of the police who were on duty at "The Hindu" office area.

Sri K. Narasimhan, Assistant Editor, complained that he was prevented by the strikers from entering the office at about 1-30 p.m. Enquiries were made by the police, but the miscreants could not be traced.

At about 6 p.m. four lorries loaded with copies of newspaper bound for the railway stations, started leaving the office premises. Three of them left without any interference. When the fourth lorry was leaving the premises at about 6-50 p.m. the crowd suddenly set upon the driver and occupants, assaulted them and caused damage to the lorry. The police on duty intervened promptly and prevented further damage. The driver and the occupants who sustained minor injuries were immediately sent to the hospital in a police ambulance. A case has been registered under sections 342 and 323, Indian Penal Code and is under investigation. Three accused persons have been arrested.

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At about mid-night on that day a message was received by Government from Sri K. Srinivasan, Managing Editor, that he felt unsafe to leave the office without police bundobust. Under instructions from the Government, the Commissioner of Police accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) immediately proceeded to the " Hindu " Office. On reaching there, they learnt from the Inspector on duty that though an assurance of sufficient bandobust and escort was given to Sri Srinivasan by the Inspector, Sri Srinivasan was unwilling to leave the premises unless the Commissioner of Police was personally present. Sri Srinivasan informed the Commissioner of Police that he had requested the presence of the Commissioner of Police not for the purpose of escorting him home, but for giving an assurance to loyal workers. Sri Srinivasan told the Commissioner of Police that the morale of the loyal workers was breaking down and requested him to address the workers and to encourage them to continue to work. The Commissioner of Police declined to do so, stating that it was no part of his functions to address loyal labourers to continue to work. Sri Srinivasan then decided to suspend the publication of the paper and left the office.

5th August 1958.—At the request of the management police escort was provided for the transport of 38 employees at about 9-30 a.m. In regard to the remaining employees numbering about 200, the management wanted them to be transported in police vehicles as they had no vehicles at their disposal. Arrangements were made to secure the required number of vehicles and by about 3 p.m. all the workers were able to leave the office.

It would be seen from the above account that the Government had provided every possible protection and bandobust to " The Hindu " and that the complaint of lack of Police protection is totally unsustainable.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 75-I asked by Sri A. Vedarathnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 5th September 1958, page 243 supra.]

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION CENTRES THAT EXIST IN THE STATE.

Artificial Insemination Centres under the All-India Key Village Scheme.

1 Hosur Cattle Farm (Salem district).

2 Kangayam (Coimbatore district).

3 Vellakoil (Coimbatore district).